

# Wesley United Methodist Church, Worcester, MA

## *Sunday Announcements for January 30, 2022*

### Special Prayers for these Wesley Family, Friends and Others...

- Susan Williams at home recovering from a fall.
- Clark Jones, a teacher of Beth Duxbury's, who is battling a severe blood infection on top of fighting cancer.
- Charles and Samira Kiefer now at the Oasis at Dodge Park, 102 Randolph Road, Worcester, MA 01606. (There is no room number. If sending cards, please put "Attn: Dr. Charles & Samira Kiefer")
- Barbara Vietze, mom of Beth Vietze, recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
- Pamela, Linda Keister's sister, now home with 24 hr care. She will need surgery in the future.
- Lorna Regentz, Judy Simoneau's daughter, now recovering at home.
- Barbara Fletcher, who continues to heal with a broken arm and crushed vertebrae from a fall in October. Please continue to pray for comfort and healing.
- Paul Keister. Pray for peace for him. Visits are not allowed at this time.
- Bill Kilmer in St. Mary's Health Care Center.
- Bill Wong for strength and comfort.
- Anne Burrows at Sterling Village Rehab.
- David Samanen
- Peter Woodcock
- Ken Hedenburg
- Those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and alcoholism.

### Tower & Rose Window Lightings

The Tower lighting for January is given in loving memory of my mother and father, Mary & Norman Fletcher and my brother, David Fletcher, by Barbara Fletcher.

The Rose Window lighting for January is given in loving memory of Mrs. William B. Smith by the United Methodist Women.

### **ALL CHURCH MEETING**

An **All Church Meeting** will be held on **January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM**. *This will be held by Zoom only.* You can access the meeting by using the Sunday Worship link on the website. On the agenda is the Finance Report and the 2022 Budget.

**CHANGE OF DATE:** **February Herald** will be sent out the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please have all articles to me by Wednesday, February 9<sup>nd</sup>. *Thank you, Debi*

**Vacation Scheduled:** Moo will be on vacation from Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please contact Rev. James Hoffman at [jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com) or at 860-965-2575.

**2021 Annual Reports** are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. You may email ([office@wesleyworc.org](mailto:office@wesleyworc.org)) your report to me or drop off a printed report to the office. *Thank you, Debi*

### **Upcoming Bible Study: He Chose the Nails**

The new Bible study has not begun. We are hoping Susan will feel well enough to begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be via Zoom from 6:30 to 8 pm. This is a 5-session video Bible study written by Max Lucado entitled HE CHOSE THE NAILS. It explores the many gifts Christ provided us at his crucifixion.

The class meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. This invitation to join the study is open to all. You will be provided with zoom access. If you are interested, please call Susan Williams at 508-795-7331 or email J. Hoffman at [jhoffman24661@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoffman24661@yahoo.com).

Please join and enrich your Lenten experience.

### **Wesley's IHN Week is Sunday, January 30 to Saturday, February 5**

Please let Betsy Pennino know if you are able to provide coverage for the evening shift (5:30 to 8:30 pm) or the overnight (8:30 pm to 6:30 am).

Currently volunteers may choose to stay in the office or interact with the families. All are to wear masks and stay a safe distance apart. As of January 11, no one at IHN is Covid-positive and there are no reports of Covid exposure. Volunteers no longer provide dinners, but you're encouraged to bring your own.

### **Prevent Homelessness through Grocery Shopping**

We are working hard to prevent many families from becoming homeless, as more people face eviction either due to the pandemic, or because rents keep going up, we are seeing many seniors, families and low-wage earners struggling even more. Central Mass. Housing Alliance makes bulk purchases of gift cards at a discount, and the difference from their face value goes into a fund to cover back rent or utility bills.

For February gift card orders, email Allison Hansen **by Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Cards can be **picked up on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>** after church or at a pre-arranged time if you worship remotely. Please email me to make arrangements ([AChis4788@aol.com](mailto:AChis4788@aol.com)).

We have cards for Panera (\$10, \$25), Shaw's and Stop & Shop (\$10, \$25, \$50, \$100), Big Y (\$25, \$50, \$100), CVS (\$10, \$20, \$50), and Dunkin' Donuts (\$10, \$25).

*Thank you! Allison*

## **Afghan Coat Project Still Needs Your Help!**

The Afghan Coat Project is coming along nicely, and we have been distributing winter gear to several of the folks that have arrived in Worcester.

We continue to need coats:

Children's coats – All sizes

Men's & Women's – Small, Medium & Large (NO XL or larger)

We are also in need of hats & gloves for all.

We DO NOT need clothing or hangers.

Lastly, we need volunteers who can commit to being at Wesley for 2-3 hours on Saturday mornings to receive community donations. If we get enough volunteers, we can split the time, so the same person is not always here. We would like to add the Coat Project to the WARM website (Welcoming Alliance for Refugee Ministry [www.warmwelcoming.org](http://www.warmwelcoming.org)) but we need to be able to state a regular drop off time. If you would like to help with this, please let me know ASAP. Thank you for your continued support with this Wesley community mission.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation to help us purchase what we need, checks can be made out to Wesley Church, with 'Coat Project' in the memo field.

Rebecca Circle and I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to help and for your donations!

*Chris Flagg (508-414-1696)*